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SYMPHONIE

THE FRG MINISTRY FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY ANNOUNCED
THAT ON APRIL 12, AN AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED AT PEKING
BETWEEN THE GERMAN AEROSPACE RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT
(DFVLR), THE FRENCH CENTRE NATIONAL D'ETUDES SPATIALES
AND THE CHINESE ELECTRONIC SOCIETY PERMITTING THE
CHINESE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC TO CARRY OUT EXPERIMENTAL
RADIO, TELEVISION AND TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS, TRANS-
MISSION VIA THE GERMAN-FRENCH SATELLITE SYMPHONIE, FOR
A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS FREE OF CHARGE. FOR THESE
EXPERIMENTS, CHINA WILL USE MAINLY ITS OWN GROUND
STATIONS. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THIS PROGRAM WITH THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA WILL BE FOLLOWED BY OTHER
PROGRAMS OF SCIENTIFIC-TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION WITH
THE FRG. A NUMBER OF EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAMS ARE ALREADY
BEING CARRIED OUT WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES
USING SYMPHONIE, AS FOR EXAMPLE CANADA, EGYPT, INDIA,
IRAN, THE IVORY COAST, INDONESIA, SPAIN AND THE U.S.
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